

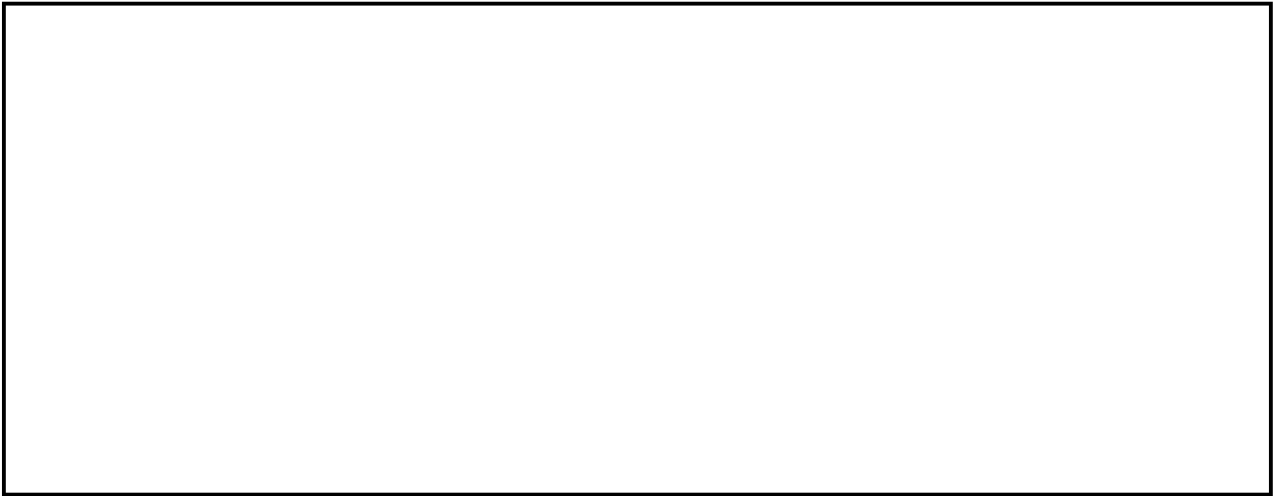
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BI-WEEKLY PROPAGANDA GUIDANCE

7. Yugoslav-East German Relations

There has been growing tension between Yugoslavia and East Germany which may provide an opportunity to exacerbate relations to the point of a diplomatic break. Recently this tension was increased appreciably when Yugoslav delegates walked out from an East German rally celebrating the 41st Anniversary of the Soviet revolution. The Yugoslavs having been publicly criticized for revisionism countered with an all-out attack in their own press against the East Germans.

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8. Iraq

The Qasim regime, cautious and inexperienced, is in shaky control, threatened from both the right and the left. Chief potential opposition at present comes from those forces favoring closer association with the U. A. R. and there is current possibility of a coup by these forces who are opposed to the Communists. The Communists are supporting the government in its efforts to suppress the pro-U. A. R. elements but may turn on Qasim at any time. The regime is hostile to the West, cold toward the U. A. R., and soft to Communism. The regime accepts support from indigenous Communists and from the Soviets, but it cannot yet be regarded as Communist- dominated.

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9. Kurds


Soviet sponsorship of Kurdish nationalism appears to have the aim of weakening the regimes of Turkey, Iran, Syria, and possibly Iraq with the additional concomitant of increasing Communist influence in Iraq and Syria through Kurdish leaders returned from the Soviet Orbit. The possibility exists of an ultimate plan to bring into being a Kurdish autonomous area, contiguous to the U. S. S. R. , as a wedge in the Northern Tier and a corridor to the Arab world.

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10. Venezuelan Contingencies

National elections in Venezuela will have been held on Sunday 7 December. The three leading candidates are Rafael Caldera conservative, heavily dominated by the Church, acceptable to U.S. Government and business interests; Romela Betancourt, labor-supported and a satisfactory candidate from the U.S. point of view but vigorously opposed by the Army and hence probable target of a military coup if elected; and Wolfgang Larazabal, a political opportunist, pro-tem head of government until his resignation to seek election, who has already accepted Communist support for his candidacy. Although the head of the Union Democratica Republica party, which he represents, has denied that communists will be included in the government should he be elected, this has not been reaffirmed by Larazabal. Whether Larazabal is elected president or not he will remain a politically powerful and dangerous figure in Venezuelan affairs and worthy of continuing attention by all capable assets.



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11. All African Peoples Conference (AAPC) Contingencies

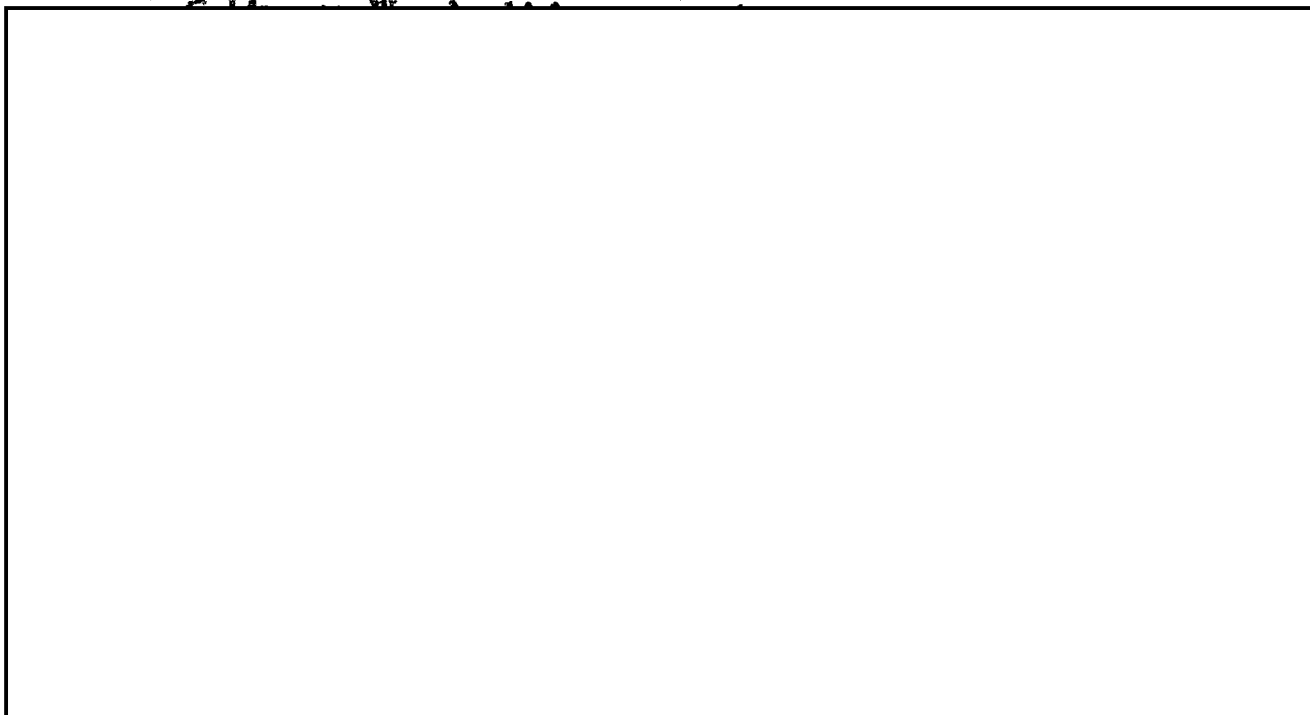
The All African Peoples Conference is being held in Accra, Ghana during the period 5-12 December 1958. Our information indicates that although the character of this Conference promises to be far less moderate than that of an official governmental meeting, it cannot yet be said that the Pan-Africanism which it represents is a movement basically unfriendly to the Free World. The brand of Pan-Africanism to be promoted at this Conference could be turned against the designs of Nasser in Africa as well as those of the Communists. Therefore, our major objective at the Conference will be to channel this brand of Pan-Africanism into constructive directions. Contingencies and appropriate guidance follow:

(1) The Conference is not violently anti-western and contains elements antagonistic to Soviet and Egyptian designs and favorable to U.S. and Free World interests.

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(2) The Conference turns out to be violently anti-West and contains elements favorable to Soviet and Egyptian design and antagonistic to U.S. and western interests.



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12. Afro-Asian Economic Conference

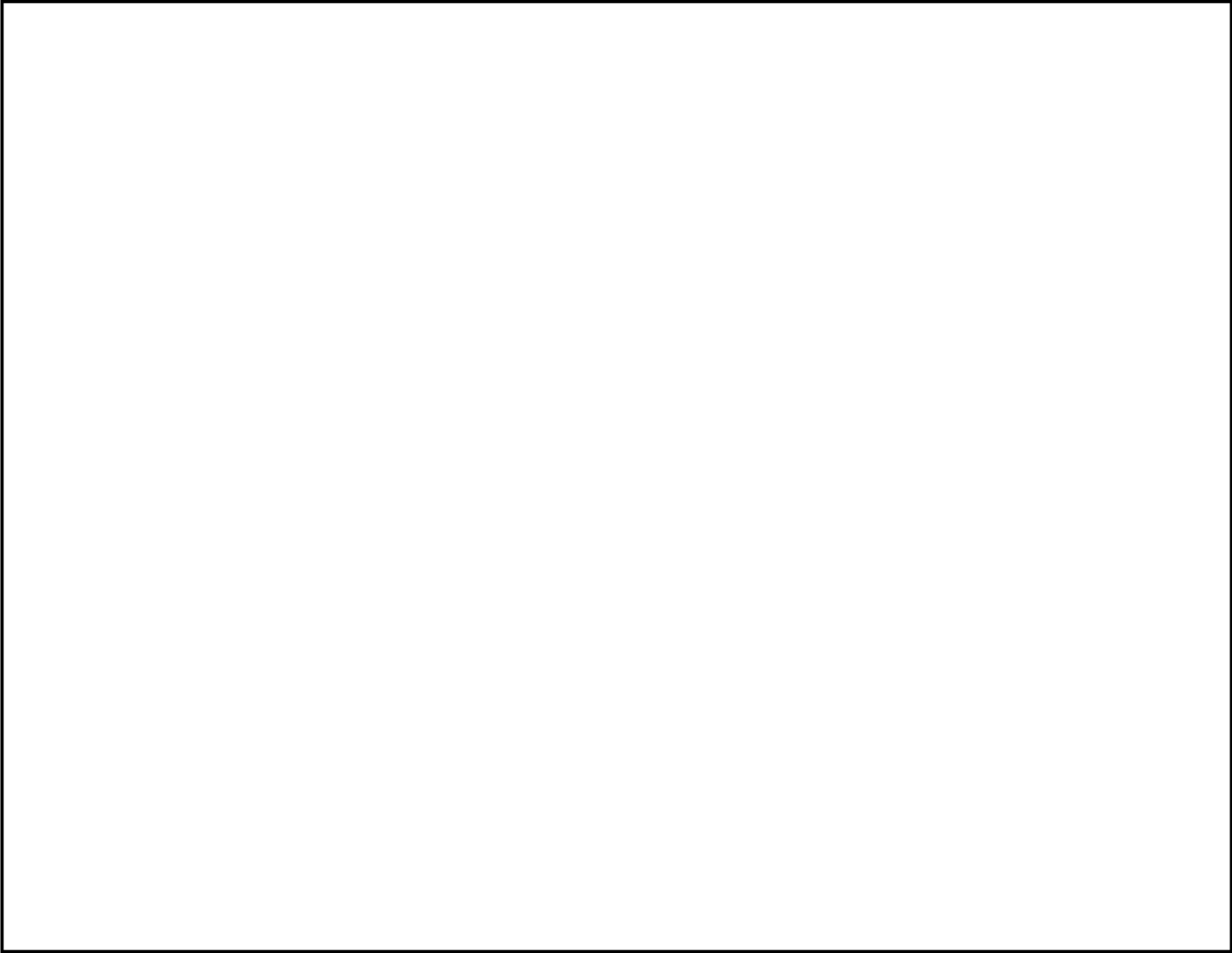
Delegates from every Afro-Asian country except Israel and Nationalist China, have been invited to attend an Economic Conference in Cairo during the period 8-11 December 1958. Our major objective during the Conference will be threefold: (1) to prevent the Sino-Soviet bloc and the Egyptians from using the Conference as a platform to attack free world trade practices while at the same time furthering their own political ends, (2) to resist Egyptian attempts to use the Conference as a means of capturing leadership of the Afro-Asian bloc, and (3) to block attempts to establish a permanent economic organization to be set up following the Conference and, in the event it is established to prevent Egyptian control. It is possible however that the Egyptians will succeed in maintaining tight control of the Conference proceedings and may be able to force the establishment of a permanent economic organization.

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13. France and NATO

De Gaulle's desire to form a US-UK-French NATO triumvirate is a major policy problem for the future of NATO. The recent election successes have greatly strengthened De Gaulle's hand in pressing for a more powerful French role.



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